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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC for Approval of Pay As You Go Pilot

Program

Docket No. 2015-136-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed and does not object to the filing submitted by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC" or the "Company") on May 17, 2018, in the above referenced Docket.

The Company seeks approval from the Commission to extend the Prepaid Advantage Program Pilot ("Pilot") through December 31, 2018. According to the Company, the extension allows the Company to continue to serve the Pilot's existing customers, permits time for growth in participation, and provides time to assess the best design for potential full-scale implementation.

ORS reserves its right to address the reasonableness of resulting costs in a subsequent proceeding.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in this matter.

Sincerely,

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